

Questions and Answers, Part 2 – Underwater Bridge Inspection Master Contract

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Project Description: Provide inspections on bridge elements which may be partially or completely submerged – Statewide.

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Question #1: Part 2, Section I states within the 25 page limit shall be responses to Part 2, Section III, which lists as Item C., the past inspection reports. These reports (five samples) alone could easily be 15-25 pages long. Can these be placed into the Appendix?

Answer: Yes, an addendum will be forthcoming to address this matter.

Question #2: Part 2, Section II states resumes can go in the Appendix. Part 2, Section II. C. describes resumes in the main section. Is this reference for “resumes” intended for a brief paragraph write up on the personnel, since the full resumes go in the appendix?

Answer: The Consultant should provide any information in the body of this section necessary to address the requirements/recommendations and criteria associated with the RFP for the highest quality response. However, all resumes should be included in the appendices.

Question #3: Does the selected firm (prime if a team is submitted) need to be a professional engineering firm?

Answer: Per Part 2.II.C , “The proposal should include proof that the Project Manager is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer or Mississippi Surveyor and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements.”

Question #4: Part 2.II.C., 2nd paragraph appears to ask for resumes of all employee(s) that will work on the project, then later states they may not be necessary. Do you need resumes of personnel that will NOT be diving or will NOT be performing key duties?

Answer: Per Part 2.II.C, “Resumes for any other known personnel that would be assigned to this contract may also be included but are not required.”

Question #5: Are there anticipated to be any bridges requiring diving to depths greater than 80 ft?

Answer: Yes. There are a few bridges statewide that could have depths exceeding 80’.

Question #6: Are there anticipated to be any bridges requiring diving to depths greater than 100 ft?

Answer: Yes. There are 3 bridges that cross the Mississippi River that depths greater than 100’ should be anticipated.

Question #7: What percentage of work does MDOT anticipate for scanning sonar?

Answer: Less than 5%. There were 213 bridges on the previous contract; 5 of those bridges required sonar. However, these structures are some of our largest, so while the number of bridges requiring sonar is relatively small, the amount of scanning will be large.

Question #8: Please define the requirements to be considered a “certified diver”?

Answer: Per Part 2.II.C, All divers who may perform inspections shall have attended and successfully completed a FHWA-approved comprehensive bridge inspection training course or other FHWA-approved underwater inspection training course as prescribed in the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), 23 CFR 650.309. The firm shall provide copies of the certifications of training for the courses described above for each individual diver including any certifications from subconsultant(s). In addition, all Divers must meet the qualifications listed in Part 3, “SECTION II. CONSULTANT/DIVER QUALIFICATIONS”.

Question #9: Will MDOT accept a commercial diving company as the CONSULTANT, if the Sub-Consultant is a registered Mississippi Licensed and qualified engineer, and

meets the criteria as set forth in the RFP? In addition, can the Mississippi licensed P.E. and Project Manager be provided by the sub-consultant?

Answer: Per Part 2.II.C, “The proposal should include proof that the Project Manager is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer or Mississippi Surveyor and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements. MDOT prefers that the CONSULTANT’s Project Manager be on the permanent staff of the CONSULTANT.”

Question #10: Assuming MDOT accepts commercial diving companies as the CONSULTANT, will this adversely affect the overall rating from the selection criteria?

Answer: Per Part 2.II.C, “The proposal should include proof that the Project Manager is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer or Mississippi Surveyor and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements. MDOT prefers that the CONSULTANT’s Project Manager be on the permanent staff of the CONSULTANT.” Furthermore, Part 2.I of the RFP reads: “These recommendations and other instructions indicated in this RFP will be considered when evaluating the quality of the CONSULTANT’s PROPOSAL. “

Question #11: You have a (DBE) goal in RFP, Is there any consideration for a certified Woman Owned Small Business? Hub Zone?

Answer: See Part 1, section XVI, “Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal.”